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I, Walter Ottesen, state that I am the attorney for this application and that I have reviewed and found the specification (pages 1 to 15) and three sheets of drawing (FIGS. 1 to 6) as shown in my files to be the papers attached to the declaration of Christoph Hauger, Ulrich Gold, Christian Lücke, Margit Krause-Bonte, Dirk L. Brunner, and Martin Pelzer for Surgical Microscope which accompanies this statement and I declare that these papers attached to the declaration are a true copy of the specification and any amendment thereto which I filed in the Patent and Trademark Office in order to obtain a filing date for this application on February 12, 2001.

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